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Redistricting Hearing Draws Packed House



Mary Ludwig speaks out against the new proposed commissioner election map.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After a few hearings on the latest proposed redistricting map for county commissioner elections that lasted half-an-hour or less, the Nov. 18 hearing at the Lexington Park Library drew a full crowd.

The aim of redistricting is to make the four commissioner Districts in St. Mary's roughly equal in population based on 2020 Census figures, which show the county's population at about 113,000.

Nearly 30 residents signed up to comment on the proposed maps that night.

Mary Ludwig, of Leonardtown, called out "obvious discrepancies" in the new map.

"The effort to split the districts in accordance with committee member preferences and not the needs of the residents is blatant," Ludwig said, adding that while there had been calls for a diverse redistricting board "only Republicans and non-minorities" comprised its membership.

"Does the word 'gerrymandering' come to mind," Ludwig asked.

She quoted a county attorney who said that changing district lines just to make numbers line up may be arbitrary and capricious reasons for the change.

The proposed new map has been criticized because it seems to divide communities that have long had similar characteristics and interests and uniting them with others that differ widely among those aspects.

"Preservation of community unity should be considered before making changes," Ludwig said. "They cherry picked the communities of Chestnut Hills and Wildewood to stay together.

"The community of Lexington Park and Great Mills was never

considered."

The new map greatly extends District 4 north, taking a significant piece of District 2 on the east side of Route 235 and goes all the way up to abut District 3 in the northern most section of the county.

District 3 also increases in size southward, also taking up a significant portion of District 2.

Conversely, District 2 also expands to take California, which for the last 10 years has rested solely in District 4.

District 1, the southern-most district, also takes a significant portion of a western salient of District 4, Great Mills.

The new map would effectively divide communities such as Hollywood and California.

Ludwig noted that a member of the redistricting committee, Dr. Patricia Richardson, a former school superintendent, took exception to the majority's methodology, saying the new map broke up communities unnecessarily.

The map passed to public hearings by a 3-to-2 vote.

Miriam Klapka, from Tall Timbers, commented that the new map appears to move District 4 voters in precincts that were decidedly Democrat and move them into District 1, while voters in District 2 precincts that were decidedly Republican would be moved into District 4, making the county's most populace district stronger for the GOP.

She said about another committee member's map that disturbed the political situation far less was worth another look.

"Could you please explain why you asked for the voter registration list," Klapka said. "Paul Thompson's version No. 2 map deserves more consideration."

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Student COVID Cases Continue Decline

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Dr. J. Scott Smith, St. Mary's school superintendent, countered recent media reports that he believed gave an inaccurate summation of the number of student COVID cases here at the school board's Nov. 17 meeting.

He noted that the media reports — he named a story in last week's Baltimore Sun — used state tabulated data to show how many COVID cases were in specific schools.

That same state data showed that Margaret Brent Middle School had a total of 101 viral cases as of Nov. 10; Smith said he feared that number would be misconstrued to mean that there were 101 active cases at the school.

There were not, he said.

Rather, that number showed the total number of COVID cases in the school, and all other schools in St. Mary's, since the beginning of the school year, he said.

"Once you are on the site you can't get off the site until you have not had a case for 14 days," Smith said of what was required for a school to leave the state's COVID case list. "People from all over the state who read The Baltimore Sun

said 'What the devil is St. Mary's County doing, they've got 101 cases at Margaret Brent Middle School.'

"We don't."

Smith went on to say that for that week Margaret Brent had just one positive COVID case among the student body of about 1,000.

Smith reported that actual COVID cases in schools continue to decline, which could prove beneficial as students will be gathering more closely with family members for the upcoming holidays with a hoped-for concurrent reduced spread of the virus.

Smith was optimistic about the system being able to leave COVID-19 behind.

"There may come a point when we don't talk about COVID anymore at a board meeting," Smith said. "We're certainly trending in that direction."

Still, he said, after a vote by the state board of education just days prior to their meeting, students and staff in schools must by law continue to wear facemasks while in school facilities until February.

"That is a decision that is no longer ours to make," Smith said.

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Boy Scout Laments Fees For Service Project

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Boy Scouts who are working towards their Eagle Scout rank must complete a community service project, amongst many other achievements, to earn it.

Raising funds to complete the project is often part of that process, but one local prospective Eagle Scout is complaining that county government fees for permits to complete the project are onerous.

Owen Sutor wrote to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County this week asking for help in "navigating the permit process."

"I plan to build a shade for my former preschool's playground at the Methodist church in Hollywood," Sutor wrote. "When I called and emailed the Land Management office to apply for a permit, I was told that the final cost for the multiple services for the permit would cost \$650.

"I feel like this cost is unreasonable for a charitable effort like

mine."

Sutor said in his missive that he hoped the commissioners would find a way to reduce or waive these costs.

"These permit fees may make my project unachievable," Sutor continued.

When he heard about the letter, Commissioner Todd Morgan, who has long been a supporter of scout projects, particularly for the eagle rank, was perplexed.

"My concern goes to public safety; I'd like to know more about what he plans to do," Morgan said, "I've never heard of a \$650 fee for an Eagle Scout project that would benefit the community."

Prospective Eagle Scouts must undertake a service project that is of significant use to the community, Morgan said, to ensure they can earn their rank.

"It's hard to find good projects that pass Eagle Scout muster," Morgan said. "It's a lot of work for these kids."

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Public Hearing Set For Charlotte Hall Royal Farms

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Planning Commission is set to examine the concept site plan for a Royal Farms convenience store and fueling station in Charlotte Hall at their scheduled Nov. 29 meeting.

Included in that hearing will be a Starbucks coffeehouse on a separate parcel but still close to the proposed Royal Farm.

The Royal Farm convenience store is a proposed 5,380 square foot building and the fueling stations is even larger at 5,950 square complete with canopies over nine pumps, according to planning documents.

The Starbucks is proposed to be about half the size of the Royal Farms, or 2,365 square feet in size with a drive-through.

The project will be located at Oaks Road and Route 235 on a property owned and operated by the Wentworth family as a plant nursery and home goods store for decades.

The Wentworth family has planned to consolidate their operations from their Charlotte Hall store in their Oakville location.

The developer of the project, ARLS Properties LLC, based in Baltimore, has



submitted a plan to improve traffic flow at the intersections with main thoroughfares corresponding to the project.

This includes widening Oaks Road to provide a deceleration lane to access the site "as well as provide three outbound lanes on Oaks Road at the MD 5 intersection," county planning documents read.

Bay Engineering Inc., the planners and surveyors for the project, has included extra parking spaces for the lot once it has been redeveloped to ensure they can "adequately serve their customer base."

The novel site plan includes 59 spaces to serve customers, whereas the county only requires 22 spaces.

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Erniece Dawson of Wins Golden Gloves

Lexington Park Resident Wins Washington DC/MD/DE Golden Glove Championship



Center Erniece 'Scrap' Dawson, flanked by Knowledge Boxing Center Head Coach Daryl Hinmon and Assistant Coach Reggie Farmer

On Saturday November 20th, Lexington Park, resident Erniece 'Scrap' Dawson won the 2021 Washington DC Golden Glove Championship in the 125lb weight class at Rosecroft Race-track in Ft. Washington.

Dawson, who trains at the Knowledge Boxing Center on Great Mills Road in Lexington Park won her hard-fought battle by unanimous decision against Celina Mira Galvez of Bethesda.

When asked about her preparation for the tournament, Dawson, who is also an Engineer on N.A.S. Pax River said, "I trust my coaches enough to know that if they entered me, they believed I was ready. They will never purposely put me in harm's way. During the process, I of course had to train my body, but I also had to train my mind. I had to learn to trust myself. And as my body strengthened physically, my self-love and determination also strengthened." When asked about the training process Dawson said "Some days I would run to the gym instead of driving and if the sun was still out when I got out of the gym, I would run back home. Training is mandatory and only hard if you tell yourself that its hard. It was simply what I needed to do in order to succeed and do my very best the night of the fight."

Head Coach Daryl Hinmon says 'Erniece is such a joy to train! She is quiet, attentive, has an indefatigable work ethic and a bottomless thirst for knowledge.

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Dawson says of her opponent, "she had will power and confidence. She didn't quit and I commend her for that. She showed amazing sportsmanship and I hope she continues with her career." After Dawson was announced the winner, she said, "I had so much joy inside my heart! It felt amazing to receive recognition for all my hard work! I deserved it, I earned it and it showed in the ring. I thank God, my Coaches, my family and my friends for their support."

Hinmon says the following on Dawson's future in boxing, "Not even the sky is the limit for her. She is a perfect student of the game and you will be hearing her name in the future. Before every fight, I tell her you are intelligent, hard-working, beautiful, with super high integrity and character. And its those characteristics that is going to take her wherever she wants to go. And our team at the Knowledge Boxing Center will be there to teach, love and support her every step of the way."

Dawson concludes, "this is only the beginning because there is so much more I need to learn and master. So, its right back to the gym I go. The work doesn't stop!"

Expanded Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccine Booster

All Adults 18 & Older Now Eligible

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) has updated the eligibility criteria for local COVID-19 vaccine booster clinics in accordance with updated authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. All individuals 18 years of age and older are now eligible for a booster dose after completion of primary vaccination with any FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

The following populations are now eligible to schedule an additional/booster COVID-19 vaccine dose through SMCHD:

- Individuals with compromised immune systems (Pfizer or Moderna recipients):
 - 3rd dose, at least 28 days after 2nd dose
 - 4th dose, 6 months after the 3rd dose
 - When registering for a vaccine appointment, please mark "yes" to the immune-compromise question
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- Eligible individuals do not have to

receive the same type/brand of COVID-19 vaccine as their initial vaccination; each of the available COVID-19 vaccines may be "mixed and matched" for the additional/booster dose after completion of the primary vaccination.

For more information or to make a COVID-19 vaccination appointment, please visit smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine or call the SMCHD COVID-19 Community Hotline at (301) 475-4330 or St. Mary's County Library at (240) 523-3340. Please review the allergy guidance and the FAQs for SMCHD COVID-19 Vaccination prior to registering for a vaccine appointment.

"Booster doses give adults who completed their primary vaccine series several months ago a chance to better protect themselves from COVID-19 infection and complications," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "This is especially important as we head into a season of holiday gatherings and colder weather."

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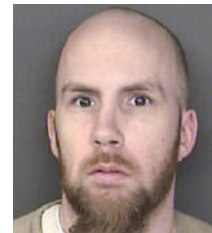
ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

On View Arrests: Assault

On November 16, 2021, Dep. Kril responded to the 21100 block of Norhill Lane in Great Mills, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Theresa Lynn Mackey**, age 37 of Great Mills, grabbed the victim by the victim's shirt and ripped the victim's jeans, causing visible injury to the victim. Mackey was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree. (No Photograph Available)

Malicious Destruction of Property

On November 16, 2021, Dep. Lawrence responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, for the reported property destruction. Investigation determined **Paul Daniel Panholzer**, age 38 of no fixed address, threw a wireless tablet, property of the St. Mary's County Detention Center, to the to the ground, shattering the screen. Panholzer was charged with Malicious Destruction of Property.

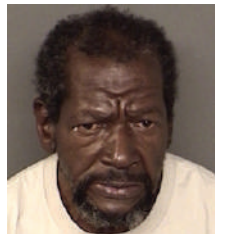


Paul Daniel Panholzer

Trespassing

On November 16, 2021, Cpl. Maloy responded to the 29900 block of Three Notch Road in Charlotte Hall, for the reported

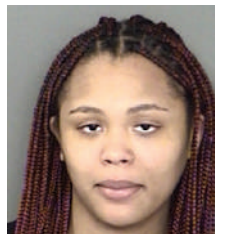
trespassing. Investigation determined **George Wheeler Jacks**, age 53 of no fixed address, was at the business after being served a notice not to trespass. Cpl. Maloy instructed Jacks to leave the area, and he refused to do so. Jacks was arrested and charged with Trespass: Private Property.



George Wheeler Jack

Assault/Disorderly Conduct

On November 18, 2021, Dep. Wilhelmi responded to the 21700 block of Great Mills Lane in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Dep. Wilhelmi dispersed a large crowd gathered in the middle of the street, and made contact with **Rishona Aliyah Banks**, age 21 of Lexington Park. Banks refused to leave the area and was actively attempting to engage in a fight with others at the scene. As Dep. Wilhelmi tried to escort and separate Banks from the scene, Banks struck Dep. Wilhelmi in the chest. Banks was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree, Disorderly Conduct, and Fail to Obey a Lawful Order.



Rishona Aliyah Banks

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Holiday Guide

St. Mary's Style

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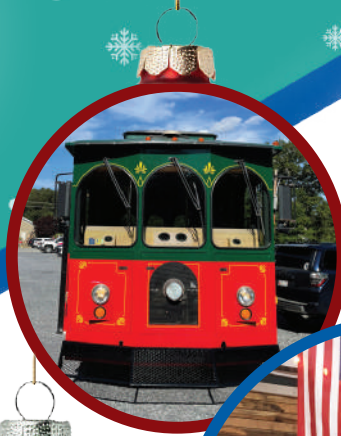
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Flat Iron Farm Reopens for Christmas

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Flat Iron Farm on Flat Iron Road in Great Mills had to close down its grounds last year — and its iconic Christmas lights display and open house — for COVID-19 but now it's ready to reopen.

Visitors should be advised, however, that the event will be on a smaller scale this year, according to one of its main organizers.

"The farm's owner Bubby Knott has retired from the event," said Sam Dobbins. "We won't be having the full light show."

But the barns will be open for visitors, she said, and there will be animal petting stations for children and their parents to visit, all free of charge.

Horse rides and hay wagon rides will also be available for a small fee, Dobbins said.

"We're trying to keep things as affordable as possible," she said. "But

horses need to eat and tractors eat fuel."

The barns on the property will also feature more vendors than in prior years, she said, all of them local, as well as artisans.

The grounds reopen for the season starting Thanksgiving night, Dobbins said, and then again from Nov. 27 to Nov. 28.

They close from Dec. 4 through Dec. 6, she said, and then reopen on Dec. 10 through Dec. 12, and then Dec. 17 through Dec. 19.

The last chance to visit the property is Dec. 23 and Dec. 24 just before Christmas Day.

Dobbins said the group of volunteers have stepped in to keep the Christmas season tradition alive at Flat Iron Farm, despite recent difficulties.

It's one they could not let expire.

"It's the spirit of the season," Dobbins said. "We love seeing it [the



Christmas display].

"We love to see the look on kids faces. During the last event in 2019, Dobbins helped bring a horse over to one girl who had to use a wheelchair — she was unable to be put

atop the animal — so she could still pet it.

"Just the smile on her face was worth it," Dobbins said.

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St. Mary's Holiday Schedule

Nov 24 - Nov 28

Casual Christmas at Flat Iron Farm

Admission: Free

Location: Flat Iron Farm

Come kick off the holiday season right in St. Mary's County! Come visit Flat Iron Farm for fun holiday activities, say hi to Santa, hay rides and pony rides, a petting zoo, crafts, hot cocoa, holiday shopping, and much more!

Hours

11/24 - 11/27: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

11/28: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Nov. 26

Christmas on the Square is a time honored tradition in Leonardtown. The holiday season officially begins when Santa arrives for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the Town Square. We are happy to announce that we are planning a live event for this year, scheduled to take place on Friday, November 26, 2021 on Thanksgiving Weekend in Leonardtown Square. This year's festivities begin at 4:30 PM with holiday music, entertainment, horse and carriage rides, sleigh rides, train rides, hayrides, a live nativity, air-

brush tattoos, balloon art, children's crafts, hot drinks, food and other fun activities! If you would like to be a vendor for this year's event, please download the Vendor Application and submit it to brandy.blackstone@leonardtownmd.gov. For more information, please call 301-475-9791 or email brandy.blackstone@leonardtownmd.gov.

Nov 26 - Nov 27

Hearth and Home

Admission: General Admission/ Free for Members

Location: Historic St. Mary's City

Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Come experience what the end of harvest season was like in the 17th century at Historic St. Mary's City. Watch and take part in a variety of cooking demonstrations at various outdoor exhibits and receive your very own cookbook to try historic recipes at your own home!

Bring a canned good to help the Southern Maryland Food Bank and save \$1 on admission!

Saturday, November 26th

10 am-4 pm

Sunday, November 27th

10 am-4 pm

Nov 28

Retro Christmas Holiday Open House

Admission: Free

Location: Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park

Time: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Kick off the opening of the retro holiday exhibit inside the museum and keeper's quarters with family activities, refreshments and more.

This event is a special opening that encourages the public to come experience this unique Christmas Exhibit in the museum setting. Get a jump on your holiday shopping inside the Museum Store, including the special edition Moll Dyer ornament.

Nov 29 - Jan 2

Retro Christmas at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum

Admission: \$7.00 for adults/\$3.50 for seniors, students and military/5 and under free.

Location: Piney Point

Lighthouse Museum

Come enjoy the holidays at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum for some retro fun! Enjoy tours in a family friendly retro holiday exhibit inside

the museum and keeper's quarters. This event is a fun experience where you can see a very unique Christmas exhibit in the museum setting.

Open daily from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., except on Christmas and Christmas Eve.

Dec 1 - Jan 2

St. Clement's Island Museum Christmas Doll & Train Exhibit

Admission: \$3.00 Adults/\$2.00

Seniors and Military/\$1.50

Children/5 and under Free.

Location: St. Clement's

Island Museum

Enjoy a holiday exhibit of antique and collectible dolls (like Barbie, American Girl and more), classic trains and other retro toys in this festive holiday display inside the museum from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. daily.

Unique gifts: Complete your holiday shopping inside the Museum Store with affordable art, jewelry, books and other local items, perfect for everyone on your list!

Museum is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas.



Elf, The Musical

November 12- December 12 2021

Book by: Bob Martin & Thomas Meehan • Music by: Matthew Sklar

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Show Times:

Fri. - Sat.: 8:00 p.m.

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No Shows on Thanksgiving weekend

Running Time:

2hrs 15mins

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Box Office Information

Adults: \$18; Seniors/Students/Military: \$15; Children \$13



Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth.

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This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

Dec. 4

Holidays at Hollywood

The Department of Recreation and Parks is holding a Holidays at Hollywood event Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021. There will be two party time slots available, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. This event is for children ages 12 and under and accompanied by an adult family member. Pre-registration is required online at www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/ or in person at the main office in the Patuxent Building, 23150 Leonard Hall Dr, Leonardtown. Registration closes at noon Dec. 1, 2021.

Join us for holiday fun for the whole family. There will be crafts for adults and children, reindeer games and a holiday snack. Santa will be available for you to take pictures!

If you can't make the event but are looking for fun things for your children to do, Holiday "Rectivity" bags are now available for purchase. Each bag contains seven craft activities for children ages 5-12. The bag makes a great holiday gift! Purchase your bag online at www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/. Limited supplies are available. Pick-up is Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or 3-5 p.m. at the Hollywood Recreation Center, 24400 Mervell Dean Road, Hollywood.

For more information, please call 301-373-5410.

Evergreen Workshop at Historic St. Mary's City

Evergreen plants such as holly, mistletoe, rosemary, bay, laurel, box, and fir have stood for centuries as symbols of everlasting life, a lush green during the dark of winter.

On Saturday, December 4, using fresh greens from the grounds of Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC), you can make your very own festive decor to help brighten up the season! The HSMC Evergreen Workshop will help you design a holiday centerpiece that is uniquely yours. The program will take place from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and is for participants ages 12 & up. Light refreshments and materials will be provided. Attendees are recommended to bring their own hand clippers (if possible).

The cost of the workshop is \$40, with HSMC members receiving a discount. Pre-registration is required. Contact Programs@digshistory.org to register or for more information.

Historic St. Mary's City is a museum of living history and archaeology on the site of Maryland's first capital in beautiful, tidewater Southern Maryland. For more information about the museum contact the Visitor Center at 240-895-4990, or visit www.HSMCdigsHistory.org.

Winter Wonderland Workshops

Admission: \$30

Location: Historic

Sotterley Plantation

Time: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Want to create your own DIY holiday decor projects before the holidays are finished, but don't know where to start? Great news, the Sotterley Garden Guild is offering workshops on Saturday, December 4th to share their expertise! Only 10 participants per session and each session is 1 1/2 hours long.

Make this Christmas event part of your family tradition!

***Please Note: Bring your own gloves and clippers for the workshops - other materials to be provided. Workshops will be held in Historic Sotterley Farmer's Market Building. Guests are asked to arrive promptly for your workshop time and to proceed directly to the Farmer's Market to check in. Visitors are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather and to wear foot gear suitable for the conditions as the site is kept rustic, although the workshop will be held indoors. Advanced tickets are required.

Dec 14

Meet and Greet with Santa

Admission: Free

Location: Town of Leonardtown

Get the opportunity to meet Santa one on one! Reservations for private Meet-and-Greet with Santa are available for families with loved ones with disabilities and for families celebrating a baby's 1st Christmas. Please contact Brandy Blackstone (brandy.blackstone@leonardtownmd.gov) to reserve a time.

Times: Tuesday, December 14th:

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 18th:

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Dec 18

Santa and Mrs. Clause in the Square

Admission: Free

Location: Town of Leonardtown

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bring your Christmas wish list and meet Santa Clause in the Town Square!

Once you grab your photos, visit one of the local shops to do some holiday shopping or grab a bite to eat from one of the restaurants to warm you up!

Dec. 21

Virtual Holiday Bake Sale

Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Dept Fundraiser

Bids will open Tuesday,

December 21, 2021, starting

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Suttler Post Farm Clydesdales Help Ring in the Holidays



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Wayne Mast, owner of Suttler Post Farm and Wayne's Signs in Mechanicsville calls out to the eight massive horses grazing quietly in one of his pastures.

They slowly raise their heads and soon begin galloping towards him, expecting either treats or attention.

Their hoof beats on the ground can be easily heard and felt from several hundred feet away; they are Clydesdales and have become as much a part of the local holiday celebration as any stuffed ham or tree lighting.

They come to him and get their requisite pets and love before sauntering back to their grazing.

He talks about all the care and feeding the animals get on a daily basis, and even more so now that they are set to deliver the Christmas tree for the White House for the fifth year in a row.

The Clydesdales are also making appearances throughout Southern Maryland offering carriage rides to residents.

It's a lot of polishing leather and constantly washing the horses.

Though they are a lot of work, the massive horses have helped put Suttler Post Farm on the map, and brought much love from around the country from visitors who just want to be close to them.

"It's more than a hobby, that's for sure," Wayne told The County Times.

Mast purchased his first Clydesdale back in 2001 when they traveled to Pennsylvania at an Amish auction and found a well-worn example named Doc.

Mast brought Doc home and his daughter Erica fell in love with the huge horse; Doc is still with them to this day at the age of 28.

They first put Doc in the public eye in 2002, by having him bring Danny Mast, Wayne's son, to his high school prom.

"That was our first event and we kind of grew from there," Danny Mast said. "People just started calling asking if we could be there for this event or that gathering."

By 2009 they had purchased five more horses to comprise a six-horse team to form a hitch in pursuit of notoriety at local and regional fairs and team competitions.

By 2013, they had been invited to The Preakness in Baltimore to show the strength, agility and skill of their six-horse team.

It was a celebration of equestrian grace.

"They were the tractor trailers of years past," Wayne Mast said of the roll Clydesdales filled in society before motor vehicles rose to prominence.

The family keeps busy during the day working on the custom sign business, which includes uniform embroidery, and afterwards they tend to the Clydesdales.

It makes for more than a full day,

but they have learned to love their enormous charges, most of them weighing between 1,800 to 2,000 pounds.

"There's definitely an enjoyment to it," Danny Mast said. "It's put Suttler Post on the map."

The Clydesdales have made Suttler Post not just well known but a destination.

Through a new cell phone app called Harvest Host visitors can find agricultural destinations where they can stay overnight; Suttler Post Farm is one of those.

Recently a family came all the way from Ghent, New York just to see the Clydesdales, Wayne Mast said.

And they aren't the only ones, but that same family donated \$250 towards the Suttler Post's Holiday Open House to benefit MedStar St. Mary's Hospice.

"We've met a lot of nice people from all over the country," Wayne Mast said.

Getting back to normal is important for the farm's operations and the Clydesdales, since COVID-19 shut down just about all their events.

"COVID put a big restraint on the business," Danny Mast said. "We had 31 events and serviced only one of them."

"That's 30 events that were fully refunded; that was a huge economic burden for us."

But the demand for the Clydesdales is coming back, with the six-

horse team set to deliver the White House Christmas Tree on Monday.

"It's a prestigious event we're honored to be a part of," Danny Mast said.

From there the Clydesdales will be offering rides for residents of the towns of both Leonardtown and La Plata and they will be the main attraction for visitors at the open house on Dec. 12 and Dec. 13, featuring local vendors and activities.

All proceeds from the event benefit the county's hospice house in Callaway.

Keeping up with all the event demands while maintaining the family's main revenue stream with the custom sign business is not easy but the Mast family has accepted it in stride all these years.

"You just keep going," Danny Mast said. "People are depending on you."

Putting the Clydesdales on display, especially during the holidays, offers an instant connection with Christmas, the Masts said.

"It's the nostalgia of horse drawn carriages," Danny Mast said. "If we had two feet of snow and a sleigh, we'd be booked all winter."

While humans like to bundle up outdoors while on the horse-drawn farm tours, the Clydesdales, with their thick coats and tremendous power, are at their best.

"They love the cold," Danny Mast said.

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Christmas on the Square and Annual Tree Lighting in Leonardtown

The Town of Leonardtown is ringing in the holiday season on Friday, November 26th from 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM with the traditional “Christmas on the Square and Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony”. Event activities start at 4:30 PM and include live entertainment, rides, airbrush tattoos, balloon art, a living nativity, food and much more!

Come early so you have time to park and make your way to the Square to enjoy all the exciting activities, and don't miss Santa's arrival and the lighting of the Town Christmas Tree at 7:00 PM!

Thanks to the cooperative efforts of Town officials, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, the St. Mary's County Emergency Management Division, Maryland State Police, St. Mary's County Fire and Rescue Chiefs, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and other local volunteer fire departments and rescue squads, plans are in place for



increased safety and security. Please note the following measures that will be in effect for this year's event:

Closures and Restrictions:

- Downtown Leonardtown Square – including Washington Street and Fenwick Street – will be closed to through traffic from 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- Courthouse Drive, Guyther

Drive, Camalier Drive, and portions of Park Avenue, Shadrick Street, Pope Street, and Church Street will also have extremely restricted access before and during the event.

- Residents living around Tudor Hall should enter Town via Lawrence Avenue to access their neighborhood, as access to Courthouse Drive will be restricted.

Parking/Shuttles:

- Once in-Town parking lots are full, spectators will be directed to auxiliary lots.
- For cars to exit Town efficiently and safely after Santa's arrival, the fire truck rides will be shutting down completely at 6:45 PM. Please plan accordingly.

Spectators are encouraged to park at CSM or the Governmental Center and take advantage of the free shuttle bus service which runs between CSM, the Governmental Center and St. Aloysius Church from 4:30 PM – 9:30 PM. Shuttle service for the evening is courtesy of Patuxent Transportation, International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Winpisinger Education & Technology Center and Carter Bus Service.

- Handicap parking is also available in Town in the public lot next to the Hair Company. Once this lot is full, spectators will be directed to the CSM or Governmental

Solomons Christmas Walk

Saturday, December 4th, 2021

Gazebo Christmas Tree Lights: 5pm

Santa Parade with SVRS Fire Dept: 5pm

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Solomons Carolers: Neighborhood caroling bringing Christmas cheer - meets at Tiki bar at 4pm ends at gazebo

Christmas Dance Troup: details TBA on website

Solomons Island Cheer: More details to come!

Solomons Victorian Inn: Open house meet & greet 5-9pm

Solomons Mission Center (SUMC): Outdoor Christmas movie "The Star" at 6pm - Refreshments. Food pantry open, Tues-Thurs 10am - 1pm

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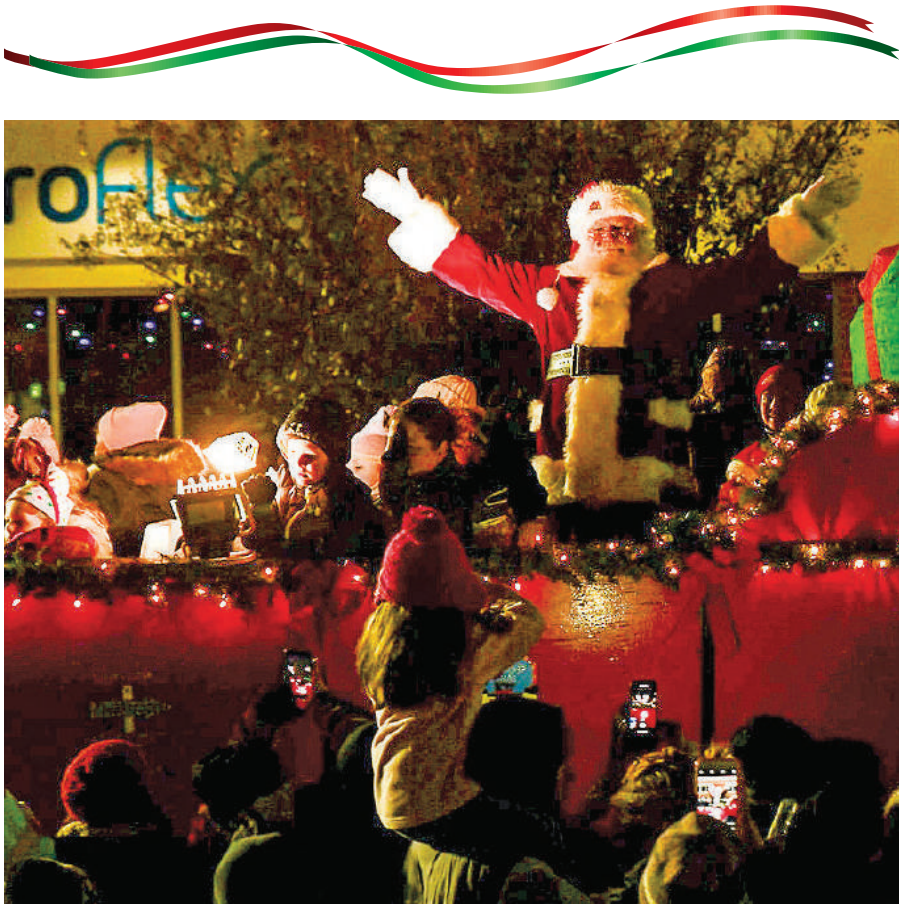
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- For event safety, spectators are asked to obey all posted No Parking and Reserved Parking signs as well as police and volunteer instruc-

tions.

Christmas on the Square is sponsored by the Commissioners of Leonardtown, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, and the Leonardtown Business Association. For further information, please visit: VisitLeonardtownMD.com/ChristmasontheSquare. (Rain date: The rain date will consist of the Annual Tree Lighting only on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM.)





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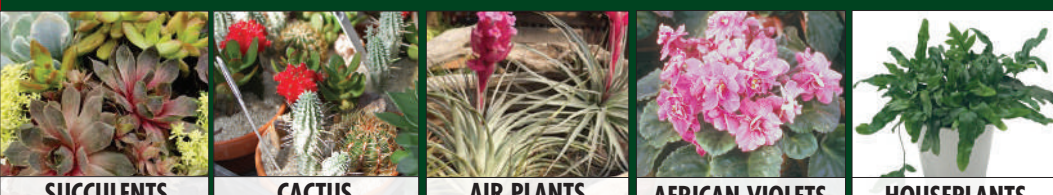
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St. Mary's Schools Seeking Substitute Teachers

St. Mary's County Public Schools are hiring substitute teachers from through December 2, 2021. There will be a one-day virtual class on December 10, 2021 for prospective substitute teachers

The selection of applicants to be invited to attend the substitute training class is based on three tiers. Selections will first be made from Tier I, then Tier 2, and then Tier 3.

Candidates must:

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Submit to a criminal history background check.
- Complete authorization for Employee History Verification forms.
- Successfully complete the substitute training course
- Observe in a school classroom a half-day to be completed between class day 1 and day 2 (directions will be given in class day 1).
- Commit to at least 10 days of substituting per school year.
- All employees of a public school system in Maryland are required to submit their fingerprints and undergo a criminal history background check. The State of Maryland charges the public schools a \$60.00 fee for each set of fingerprints submitted. This fee must be paid by the substitute at the time the fingerprinting takes place.

As a substitute, you can:

- Make a difference for the children of our community.
- Gain experience in an educational environment.
- Determine your own days and hours of availability.

- Select the schools in which you want to work.
- Be at home when school is not in session.
- Maintain your status as a full-time teacher applicant.
- Earn extra money while you are working part-time elsewhere.
- Essential Job Functions of Substitute Teachers

Assumes all duties and responsibilities of the regular teacher on a given day. Long-term substitutes may also be required to attend staff meetings, parent conferences, etc.

Maintains effective working relationships with other employees and the public and deals with public relations problems courteously and tactfully.

Carries out written plans left by the regular teacher for the day's lessons and routines. Marks pupil assignments and classroom work according to school and teacher evaluation policies.

Records pupil absences according to school procedures.

Assumes the teacher's responsibility for the supervision of students in the building, on the grounds, or on field trips.

Becomes familiar with and follows school and division procedures for routines and emergencies.

Leaves a clear, written summary for the teacher of the work covered and other relevant comments.

During the planning period, performs duties as requested by the teacher or school administrator.

Maintains confidentiality at all times: in the classroom, school site, administrative buildings, and in the community.

HA! for the Holidays: Come See Elf (The Musical)



The cast Photo for Elf

Prepare to laugh until you shake like a bowl full of jelly, because "Elf" is coming to sleigh audiences! This yuletide yuk-fest, based on the movie directed by Jon Favreau, with a score by Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin, and the adaptation written by Bob Martin and Thomas Meehan, will definitely warm hearts and put a massive, elf-like grin on your face this holiday season.

The story of Elf should be familiar to anyone who already loves the classic Christmas comedy from 2003. The central character, Buddy (played by Kenneth Faison with joy, hilarity, and just a slight hint of attitude) is an "elf" who lives in the North Pole with Santa (Paul Rose, who imbues St. Nick with a funny, subtle hue of warm crankiness) and the other elves, played in this production as hilarious puppets.

The twist, of course, is that Buddy is no elf, but rather a man, who must travel to New York City to find his real family. He soon meets his long lost father, Walter Hobbs (played as a business-minded grinch by Patrick Schoenberger). After thoroughly annoying said father, Buddy is swept off to the department store "North Pole", and meets and instantly gets a crush on Jovie, a Macy's employee who has forgotten about the magic of Christmas and refuses to sing for anyone (wistfully performed by Kellie Podsednik). After causing yet another hilarious ruckus after meeting a knock-off Santa Claus, Buddy is shipped off once more to his father's home, where he meets Walter's wife, Emily (Dawn Weber playing a mom with a New York edge), and son, Michael (who's friendship with Buddy is heartwarming depicted by Finn Kantor).

Will this new family accept the eccentric Buddy into the fold? Will Jovie overcome her skepticism of the holidays? Will Buddy inspire peace on earth and good will towards men in the Big Apple? Come see "Elf" for all of those answers and more!

The Elf Himself, Kenneth Faison,

spoke about his character: "It's finding the right balance of being super cartoony, but also having those moments of realism, like *he's a real person!*" Kellie Podsednik agreed, while speaking on her character, Jovie: "Jovie's an interesting character, there's a sense of realism to her... but she falls in love with a 30 year old man who thinks he's an elf!"

Dawn Weber added that the show "has such a spirit of whimsy and delight", and Paul Rose "liked working with a very diverse and eclectic group of people. I have a soft spot for Christmas shows. With a droll little mouth drawn up like a bow, Rose added, "I like dressing up." When asked about surprises during the rehearsal process, Director Tim Joyce described how one of his actors was "cast in a role that required them to be able to tap-dance, and I did not realize that when I cast them... turns out that they are a trained tap-dancer. I was very lucky to find that out."

Integral to the show's sense of festive wonder is the set, which makes ample use of the rotating stage (courtesy of set designer Chris Maulden), as well as a rotating backdrop, which makes shifting from the North Pole to New York City a breeze. The costumes (designed by Shawn Davidson) recall all the warm, fuzzy feelings of Christmas, and a veritable Santa's sack worth of props are ably managed by Rosann Stamper. Last but certainly not least, the wonderful, show-stopping dance numbers were choreographed by Kristan Kauffman.

The show runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3:30 p.m., through December 12 at the Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Tickets may be purchased online at newtowneplayers.org. Discounts are available for seniors, students, military and children under the age of 12.

Press Release from Newrowne Players.

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A View From The BLEACHERS Giving Thanks



By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

History being the great predictor of the future that it is, the end of humanity seems a matter of when, not if. Dark, yes, but that is just how evolution and planetary upheaval works. Should Armageddon happen soon, an appropriate epitaph for our species, at this moment in history, would be, "They had so much potential."

Fact: No resident of Earth has accomplished anything like Homo sapiens (alien visitation is a different conversation). One-time cave dwellers, we have conquered the world. Temperature controlled homes. Two-day delivery of...stuff. Machines to jet us all over the planet. Devices that have provided instantaneous, worldwide connection – for good or ill. Ice in our glass, as Chuck Noland, Tom Hanks's character in "Cast Away", marveled. And phones? From rotary, to cordless, to massive first-generation cell phones to whatever you want to call Apple's latest gizmo ("phone" seems so understated). And that's just in my lifetime...which isn't THAT long.

But for all of that, human flaws are on display, even in the United States - the grandest experiment in democracy ever attempted. Racism remains a social malignancy. Evidence of misogyny, xenophobia and homophobia are ever-present. Climate change, despite overwhelming scientific evidence and the disturbing impact on human life it predicts, is ignored or denied by an alarming number of people. Many dark souls can found at the confluence of power, greed and fame. And more recently, a pandemic - a different kind of war but a war nonetheless - not only failed to unite us around a common national crusade, but sowed bizarre divisiveness around masks, science and even whether the disease, which has claimed nearly 800,000 American lives, is real. America's adversaries no doubt found this reaction intriguing.

As much as sports can be a welcomed distraction from such human shortcomings, hardly a day passes without a troubling headline. The sign-stealing Houston Astros cheat the game and forever stain their legacy. Jon Gruden sends racist emails. Henry Ruggs, former Raiders wide receiver, allegedly causes a high-speed crash while driving under the influence that claims an innocent life. Tomahawk chops and "chant-

ing" in Atlanta...cringe. Adrian Peterson, Tyrek Hill and Deshaun Watson...sheesh. The Washington Football Team keeps breaking its own record for ethical and moral rot.

That's enough to make the point: Sports often reminds of the depths our species can reach as much as they provide an antidote.

Down a few levels, though, is youth athletics. It is a place absent the vices of fame and fortune, above the dirty business of major college athletics and outside the control of boosters, the influence of agents and the greed of owners. Here...solace. Here...rejuvenation. Here...sports – the way I remember it, the way I want to experience it.

The competition and athleticism in professional and major college sports is inarguably amazing. Throwing a baseball 100 mph or hitting something moving that fast is difficult to comprehend. A dude 6'4" and 250lbs running a 4.5 40-yard dash or another casually draining threes from 30 feet (I see you Steph Curry) seems...worthy of Avenger membership. But the real attraction of sports is much deeper than jaw-dropping physical feats – always has been. Sportsmanship, commitment to teammates, coping with adversity and having fun – give me all of that. Let me observe environments where athletes develop socially, build self-confidence, feel connected with a group, sweat for nothing more than love of sport and team, and learn that a common cause can trivialize differences in race, upbringing or economic status.

That is all still happening - not on television in prime time or on Sunday afternoons, at least with any consistency or without all that aforementioned inescapable garbage. But it is happening. Schools and rec leagues are making it happen. Dedicated coaches who give and give and give of their time to create positive environments are making it happen. Parents, who act as criminally underpaid Uber drivers, are making it happen. And kids, the young athletes, are making it happen.

If you fit into any of those groups, know that you are the best of sports. Know that this sportswriter is thankful. And know that I am not alone in my gratitude.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com

Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Rockfish are the target this week. The stripers are in the bay shipping lanes from the Gooses to Smith Point. The main body of rockfish that have spent the summer from Deale to above the Bay Bridge are now moving south. There are huge schools of bait fish from the Gas Docks to buoy 72 and the stripers are feeding daily in this food bonanza. The fish have been located on the eastern side of the bay, east of the HI bouy south to the Mud Leads. Good catches have also been made on the edge from buoy 74 to 76.

The feeding fish are attracting birds, but the fish are fickle and may be up for a thrash on the surface for only a few minutes. So, the birds are mostly high and searching most of the time. The bigger stripers can come up and roll on the surface causing a disturbance visible in calm conditions.



Most everyone has gone to trolling now, so a lot of water can be covered in the search for hungry schools of rockfish. Smaller lures of tandems and umbrellas are very effective.

The Potomac and Patuxent still have plenty of rockfish in the deeper areas with breakers attracting birds. The fish are still concentrated in the northern regions from Piney Point to Ragged Point in the Potomac, and Captains Point to Sheridan Point in the Patuxent.

The Potomac stripers have normally moved south to mouth by now, but are stubborn this year. There have been some smaller rockfish breaking in the middle of the river west of Smith Creek.

Some have done well jigging with light tackle in the mouth of the Patuxent in the deeper areas landing some fine rockfish.

Deer Firearms Season Set to Open

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced that the two-week firearms hunting season for sika and white-tailed deer opens Saturday, Nov. 27 and runs through Saturday, Dec. 11.

"The two-week firearms season is our most popular season with deer hunters," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "The season traditionally has been a time for hunters to head to hunting camps or otherwise spend time with family and friends enjoying the outdoors. The harvest during this popular season helps significantly with managing the state's abundant deer population."

The two week season includes Sunday hunting in all but three counties, affording hunters more weekend opportunities to hunt and contribute to managing Maryland's deer population.

Hunters are reminded that an antler-point restriction remains in effect. Deer hunters may harvest one antlered white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that does not meet the requirement of having at least three points on one antler. Any additional antlered deer taken within the established bag limit must meet the minimum point restriction. Licensed junior hunters and apprentice license holders, 16 years of age or younger, are exempt from this restriction.

During firearms season, Maryland requires deer hunters and their companions to wear daylight fluorescent orange or daylight fluorescent pink in one of the following manners: a cap of solid fluorescent daylight orange or pink, a vest or jacket containing back and front panels

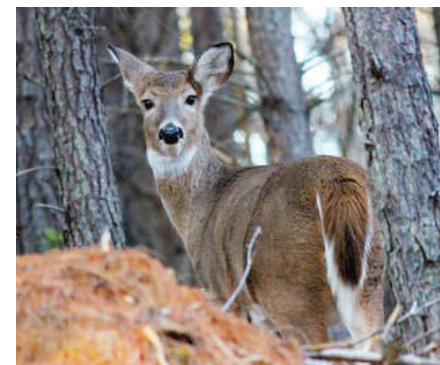


Photo by Ranger Elena Gilroy, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

of at least 250 square inches of fluorescent daylight orange or pink, or an outer garment of camouflage daylight fluorescent orange or pink worn above the waist and containing at least 50 percent daylight fluorescent color.

More information on the firearms season, along with season bag limits and other deer hunting regulations, are available in the 2021-2022 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

Hunters should carefully inspect all tree stands and always wear a full-body safety harness while in the stand and while climbing in or out. The department strongly recommends using a sliding knot, commonly known as a prusik knot, attached to a line that is secured above the stand that allows the hunter to be safely tethered to the tree as soon as they leave the ground.

Hunters are encouraged to help others by donating deer taken in Maryland. A state tax credit offers hunters an incentive for donated deer. Other local or state programs are also available so please check with your deer processor.

Press Release from MD DNR.

St. Mary's Community Calendar

To submit your event listing to go in our Community Calendar, please email timescalendar@countytimes.net with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

Sunday Nov 28

"What Child Is This" Advent Week One

Patuxent Presbyterian Church
23421 Kingston Creek Road
California

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

We begin our Advent journey with Pastor Matt's sermon series titled: "What Child Is This?" We invite you to join us every Sunday for 9:30 a.m. worship. And please join us for Coffee Hour following worship in the fellowship hall.

Community Raffle Basket

Mechanicsville Volunteer
Fire Department

6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Raffle Basket is Worth \$1,000 Plus!

Win Just in Time for the Holidays!

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Winner need not be present to win Proceeds Benefit Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department

Community Christmas Tree Lighting

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Dept.
24801 Three Notch Rd.

Hollywood, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SANTA CLAUS is coming to Hollywood.

Santa will visit everyone outside this year. Children will receive a goody bag with crafts, cookie and drink!

Festivities start at 4 PM with Santa arriving about 5 PM. FREE event.

Retro Christmas Holiday Open House at Piney Point

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum
Noon to 4 p.m.

We're kicking off the opening of the retro holiday exhibit inside the museum and keeper's quarters with family activities, refreshments and more.

FREE admission & free refreshments available for visitors. This event is a special opening that encourages the public to come experience this unique Christmas Exhibit in the museum setting. Get a jump

on your holiday shopping inside the Museum Store, including the special edition Moll Dyer ornament.

For more info, call 301-994-1471.

Info: www.facebook.com/events/555014705613831

Wednesday Dec 1

"Classic Red Truck" Christmas Gift Bag

Loffler Senior Activity Center
21905 Chancellors Run Rd

Great Mills

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Custom bags are a great treat for yourself or gift for someone else. Various materials will be available, but the red truck is the centerpiece and you'll design further from there. Enjoy this classic favorite with artful guidance from our masterful crafter, Martha Baker. All supplies are provided; class is free of charge. A reservation is required by calling the Reservation Request Line which opens at 8 a.m. on November 20, at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115.

Thursday Dec 2

American Legion Post 221 Meeting

21690 Colton Point Rd., Avenue
8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

American Legion Post 221 invites all active duty personnel and veterans to join us for our monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00pm. Visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Post-221-105239187962458/ or e-mail us at alpost221@aol.com. Call 301*848*9458 for more information. Tell them you saw the announcement on the SoMD Internet Calendar.

Friday Dec 3

Old Jail Museum Extended Hours for Leonardtown First Fridays

The Old Jail Museum
Court House Rd.

Leonardtown

Noon to 7 p.m.

The Old Jail Museum, a popular landmark in the heart of Leonardtown, will be open to the public during Leonardtown First Fridays. Come take a tour of this unique and fascinating historic site while enjoying Leonardtown First Friday that evening.

Numerous safety precautions will

be enacted during the available hours, and staff will be on-hand to showcase the Old Jail and its interesting story.

This location also serves as the official Leonardtown Visitor Center. Information and literature about Leonardtown and area attractions, activities, dining, events and much more is available.

A museum store is on-site with local products, books, apparel, kids items and more for purchase.

Admission is FREE and open to all ages. Walk-ups only.

Info: fb.me/e/IS90GNxu

Saturday Dec 4

So. Md. Farm & Country Christmas Auction

Westfield Farm Arena

26689 Laurel Grove Road

Mechanicsville

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Southern Maryland Community Auction event focusing on locally-made Live Evergreen Wreaths, Centerpieces and Decorations; Hand-crafted Quilts; New Indoor/Outdoor Furniture and Crafts; locally-grown Poinsettias and much more.

For more information and details go to:

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This is our 11th year hosting/ conducting this community auction event. Many of the items are hand-crafted from those within our Mennonite/Amish Community and other craftsman/producers. This event has been featured on the "Maryland Farm & Harvest" TV program; and the "Southern Maryland—This is Living" magazine.

Pet

OF THE WEEK

MEET SWEET POTATO



What do you call a baby Sweet Potato?

A small fry! :-)

Hi everybody, my name is Sweet Potato. Are you looking for a kitty that is PLAYFUL yet INQUISITIVE, CUTE but ELEGANT, basically an all around GREAT CAT? Then I'm the PURRFECT KITTY for you! My lovin' TCAS pals say I'm a FEARLESS GIRL that meows at you until you give me attention. Then I'll LOVE for you to pet and talk softly to me. I'm also a typical active 7 MONTH OLD that enjoys racing up the cat tree, so be prepared to have some fun toys to keep me occupied. Don't waste time. Email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

To see more of my amazing friends also available for adoption, "like" us on Facebook @ Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD or view us on our website at <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/animal-care-control/tri-county-animal-shelter>

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The County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to guyleonard@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

In Remembrance

Eleanor Loretta "Iya" Cullison



Eleanor Loretta "Iya" Cullison, 88, of Lexington Park, MD, formerly of Troy, NY, passed away on November 18, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on January 13, 1933 in

Troy, NY, she was the daughter of the late Eleanor Loretta Hogan and John Francis Hogan. Eleanor was the loving wife of the late Charles Thebaud Cullison, Jr., whom she married on August 21, 1950 in Holy Face Catholic Church, and who preceded her in death on November 2, 2002. Eleanor is survived by her children Bonnie Cullison (Marcia Masse) of Silver Spring, MD, Diane Coleman (Fred) of Mount Dora, FL, and Valerie Cullison (Shirley Miller) of Simpsonville, SC, three grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings John F. Hogan, Jr. and Helene A. Hogan.

Eleanor moved from Troy, NY to St. Mary's County, MD in 1942. She graduated from St. Michael's School in 1950 and was a homemaker. Eleanor was a

member of the Knights of Columbus Belles, and Ladies of Holy Face Church. She enjoyed playing card games, especially pitch, and bowling.

The family will receive friends on Monday, November 29, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM in Holy Face Catholic Church, Great Mills, MD with Father Jerry Gamrot officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

Francis Leonard "L.T." Tippett



Francis Leonard "L.T." Tippett, 77, of Hollywood, MD passed away on November 14, 2021 in Hollywood, MD. He

was born on October 6, 1944 in Leonardtown, MD, and he was the son of the late Catherine Pilkerton Tippett and Webster Tippett. L.T. was the loving husband of the late Theresa Morgan Tippett, whom he married on September 10, 1966 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Morganza, MD, and who preceded him in death on August 13, 2018. L.T. is survived by his children Vickie Tippett of Hollywood, MD, Karen Layman of Rostfaver Township, PA. Cathy Dean of Hollywood, MD, Melissa Tippett of Lexington Park, MD, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

L.T. was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and attended St. John's School. He was a head plumber for the federal government.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM in St. John's Catholic Church, Hollywood, MD with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Morganza, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Richard Layman, David Himes, Jamie Tippett, Richard Layman, Jr, Logan Himes, and Timmy Berry.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

Mary Evelyn Goldsborough



Mary Evelyn Goldsborough, "Memom", "Aunt Mini Muffin", "Maude", 89, of Hollywood, MD, passed away on November 13, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD. Born

on May 1, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Violet Norris and the late John Walter Norris. She was the loving wife of the late James M. Goldsborough, whom she married on June 15, 1952 in St. John's Church, Hollywood, MD, and who preceded her in death on July 18, 1995. Mary is survived by her children James "Gary" M. Goldsborough of Hollywood, MD, Patrick Goldsborough (Alice) of Hollywood, MD, Kathleen Hollyer of Hollywood, MD, Chris Goldsborough (Kelly) of Hollywood, MD, and Dale Goldsborough (Lisa) of Hollywood, MD, her siblings Francis Norris of California, MD, Sharon Lee Rollins of Dentsville, MD, and Darlene Russell of Hollywood, MD, her grandchildren Lisa Goldsborough, Emily Dobson (Matt), Megan Goldsborough, Ryan Goldsborough (Becki), Jeff Hollyer, James Hollyer (Catie), Kasey

Goldsborough, Olivia Goldsborough, Alexis Goldsborough, Bonnie Hollyer, Chase Goldsborough (Carolyn), Angie Goldsborough, and Melanie Goldsborough, as well as ten great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother Charles Norris.

Mary was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD, and attended St. John's School and St. Mary's Academy. She was a Branch Manager at First National Bank of St. Mary's for 23 years, retiring in 1994. Mary belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department for 50+ years, as well as St. John's Homebound Eucharist Program, Helping Hands, and St. Mary's Literacy Program.

Mary Evelyn "Memom" Goldsborough had the spirit of an angel. She loved her family and friends. Her true love was her husband, Jimmy. She cherished time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, especially when the stars would align and everyone could be there. She would always have tears of joy during those moments.

Mary loved music from ABBA, having parties, playing games, telling jokes and rhymes, the Cowboys, dancing, laughing, and Thanksgiving Day. She loved any time spent with the ones she loved. She enjoyed being involved in her community, including St. John's Church, where she attended mass daily. She loved the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department community and sharing great times. She was the Social Coordinator for a number of years, as we all love hearing the crazy stories.

Contributions may be made to the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 7, Hollywood, MD 20636 and St. John's Catholic Church, 43950 St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

Gregory Alan Dean



Gregory Alan Dean, 57, of Kensington, MD died suddenly after a very brief illness on November 4, 2021.

Greg was born on December 7, 1963, in Leonardtown, MD, to Franklin Wilson (Frank) Dean and Mary Gertrude (Hayden) Dean, both deceased. He grew up as part of a loving family in Hollywood, MD. He is survived by his sister, Karen Ann Dean of Baltimore, and his beloved niece Jennifer Leigh List (Earl Lee) of Philadelphia, PA.

Greg was a 1981 graduate of Ryken High School in Leonardtown, MD. He went on to graduate (1985) with a B.S.



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Degree from Western Maryland College in Westminster, MD. It was at Western Maryland that he met his 'band of brothers' as a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity; he was blessed to have these lifelong friends by his side – literally, until the day of his death.

After graduating with honors from Western Maryland, Greg began a long career working in building materials sales – most certainly inspired by his father Frank, who spent 60 years leading Dean Lumber & Supply Company in Hollywood. Greg settled in Kensington, working at Georgia Pacific and – for more than 20 years – at The Roof Center, where he had management roles in multiple stores.

He spent decades supporting The Washington Redskins, traveling first with his father and uncle, and later with the 'band of brothers' to more games at RFK Stadium and FedEx Field than anyone can remember. As he had come to say to younger fans, "I'm old enough to remember when they were a winning team!" In spite of the sarcasm, he still rooted for the Washington Football Team every week.

Over time, Greg became somewhat of a student of baseball, and eagerly rooted for the Washington Nationals – especially in recent years, The Nationals rewarded his allegiance more consistently than the Redskins.

Greg's love of music is 'legendary.' His first live concert was the band KISS in 1980. The ticket stub from this concert occupies the first page of the first volume of countless photo albums that document the evolution of his musical passions – and his MANY adventures. From Washington, DC to New York; from Nashville to Chicago; from Dallas to London.....he traveled to see Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead (subsequently Dead & Company); Bob Dylan; The Who; and John Prine.

Greg was a loving and supportive son, brother, and uncle. No matter how far his travels took him, family (including friends who were family) always came first, and his ties to Hollywood remained strong throughout his life. Greg's life was far too short. But his family is comforted by the certainty that he has been welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven and reunited with Frank and Gertrude, and with so many other dear family members and friends who were there to greet him.

Greg would want all who read this to remember him in these lyrics from John Prine's 2018 song 'When I Get To Heaven.'

"When I get to heaven, I'm gonna shake God's hand

Thank him for more blessings than one man can stand

Then I'm gonna get a guitar and start a rock-n-roll band

Check into a swell hotel; ain't the afterlife grand?"

A Mass of Christian Burial will be

held on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church in Hollywood, MD with inurnment to follow.

The family will also welcome all who would like to celebrate his life more casually at Miller's Ale House in Rockville, MD on Friday, December 10th beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Greg was always a passionate supporter of our US Military Veterans; to honor his memory, the family asks that donations be made in Greg's name to The Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

Dr. Susan Candace "Candy"

Guyther



Dr. Susan Candace "Candy" Guyther, 71 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on November 18, 2021 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown,

MD with her brother David and sisters Betsy and Mary Jo at her side.

Candy was born on December 6, 1949 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Oliver Robert Guyther and Elizabeth Reese McNey Guyther.

Candy is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County and a 1967 graduate of St. Mary's Academy. She left for the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY to pursue an Education in Animal Science. She received her Bachelors in Animal Science and then a Masters of Animal Science. While at University of Kentucky she was voted Homecoming Queen and Mountain Laurel Festival Queen. She returned to her family farm in Maryland and applied to Vet School at a time when Veterinary Medicine was predominately a male profession and more difficult to get into the Medical School! During this time she worked as a Vet Tech at Tidewater Veterinary Hospital and managed the family farm. She then got a job as the Science Teacher at Leonard Hall Jr. Naval Academy. After 6 years teaching and many applications she was admitted into Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in New York. The Vet School was located on the island of Dominica in the Caribbean. Candy reported back with many stories from her time there. One of the most memorable was having to climb a telephone pole to phone home. Another was when the school moved to the Island of St. Kitts. The students and animals had to be transported by boat. She said it was like being on Noah's Ark.

After graduating she returned to the States and did an internship and clinical's in Utah. Once licensed she passed the Pennsylvania Vet board and worked for several years at Old Trail Animal

Hospital in Shrewsbury, PA. She eventually passed the MD Vet board and moved home to Belvidere Farm where she opened her own practice which started with VET A PET Mobile Vet Clinic. She was the 1st to offer mobile services to the area. Many will remember the converted white Chevy truck with the VET A PET sign on the side. She then expanded and opened Beauvue Animal Hospital located on Belvidere Farm. She would see any animal from horses, dogs and cats to fish, reptiles, birds, pigs and chickens. She was able to live her passion in the heart of her favorite place on earth. BELVIDERE FARM.

For those of you that knew her well; know that she was independent, determined, strong willed and stood strong in everything she believed in. She had dedication like no one else. It was that dedication that kept her in school and receiving her Doctorate. Animals were her absolute and number 1 priority. She took in every animal that came her way, misfit or otherwise (a 3 legged dog, a 1 eyed cat, a dog that with no hair that had been burned, a dog that had chewed its tail off and even bringing an animal back from St. Lucia that was left behind at the Vet School.)

Candy lived an interesting life, lived many places and made many friends, but she always called St. Mary's County and Belvidere Farm her home. Living on Belvidere surrounded by our many horses, all of the other farm animals and having a few Coors Lights in the evening was where she found her most happiness, peace and serenity.

Candy is survived by her siblings: David McNey Guyther (Rebekah) of Leonardtown, MD, Helen Elizabeth "Betsy" Fritz (Rick) of Leonardtown, MD, Mary Jo Willenborg (Willie) of Leonardtown, MD, Sister-in-law Darlene Guyther; her nieces and nephews (who enjoyed going to brunch with their Aunt D on Sundays): Jack Fritz (Brooke), Brooke Fritz, Andy Guyther (Danielle), Eliot Willenborg, Allison Willenborg, and Ben Guyther; and her great niece, Ava Jo Robbins. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her older brother, Robert Oliver Guyther.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Days End Horse Rescue, 1372 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, MD 21797, PO Box 309, Lisbon, MD 21765 (www.defhr.org) or the Animal Relief Fund (ARF), P.O. Box 184, Hollywood, MD 20636.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

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David Raymond "Dave" Hicks Sr.



David Raymond "Dave" Hicks Sr., 84, died peacefully at Hospice House in Callaway, MD surrounded by his loving family on

November 13, 2021. He was born on October 31, 1937 in Staten Island, New York. He was the oldest of five children of the late Raymond and Dorothy Van Vechten Hicks.

Dave entered the National Guard in 1954, graduated from Curtis High School in 1955, and joined the Navy in 1958. Duty assignments included RTC Great Lakes IL; Airman "P" School, NATTC Norman, OK; AT "A" School, NATTC Memphis TN; Naval Academy Preparatory School, NTC Bainbridge MD; NAF Annapolis MD; NROTC Unit, Purdue University; Fighter Squadron 11, NAS Cecil Field FL; Light Photographic Squadron 62, NAS Cecil Field FL; Weapon Systems Test Division, NATC Patuxent River MD; Aircraft Maintenance Department, NAS Bermuda; and the Naval Aviation Logistics Center, NAS Patuxent River MD.

Dave retired from the U.S. Navy as a Senior Chief Petty Officer after 22 years of service, was later a self-employed consultant to various Defense contractors, and most recently operated a tax preparation business. He enjoyed singing karaoke, woodworking, golf, bluegrass and classical music, spending time with his family, and watching sports - especially the Washington Nationals and Washington Redskins. He was well-known throughout St. Mary's County.

He is survived by his dearly beloved companion, Mary Lou Bassford of Hollywood, MD; by his children, David Raymond Hicks Jr. (Irene) of Boise, ID; Robert Hicks of Mount Vernon, WA; Margaret Ann Upchurch (Gordon) of Bedias, TX; Catherine Marie Gardner (Tommy) of Drayden, MD; and James Howard Hicks (Barbie) of Clarksburg, WV; his stepchildren, Veronica Rose Heard (Ralph), Robin Marie Guy (Perry), Wanda Faye Mellies, and Douglas Wade Norris, all of Leonardtown, MD; Norma Jean Joy (Tom), and Troy Anthony Norris (Shirl) of Hollywood, MD; Thomas Jerry Norris of Carolina Shores, NC; Margaret Darlene Sogn (Bruce) of Ramsey, MN; twenty-nine grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Also surviving are his brother Ed (Cindy) of Hazlet NJ, and two sisters, Mary Hicks and Doris Hicks-Tillman of Toms River NJ. Dave was pre-deceased by his second wife of twenty-eight

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In Remembrance

years -- the great love of his life, Margaret Ruby Lyon Hicks, by his third wife of nine years, Catherine Teresa Tippet Hicks, by his first wife, Nancy Kathleen Baird, a brother, James Hicks of San Diego, CA, and one grandson, Robert Alvin Hicks.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's - PO Box 625, Leonardtown, MD, or to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church - 27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd, Mechanicsville, MD, or to the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad - PO Box 299, Leonardtown, MD.

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AD1 Raymond Anthony Galgano



AD1 Raymond Anthony Galgano, USN, (Ret.) 64, of Leonardtown, MD passed away peacefully on November 14, 2021 at his home.

Raymond was born on July 12, 1957 in Huntington, NY to the late Daniel Anton Galgano and Victoria Marie Henle Galgano. He graduated in 1976 from Miramar High School in Miramar, FL. In 1983 he enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served his country for twenty dedicated years until his retirement in October 2003 as a P-3 Flight Engineer. On March 30, 1983 he married his wife, Anne Marie Galgano in Syracuse, New York. Together they celebrated over thirty-eight wonderful years of marriage. Raymond had an affinity for the water; was an avid water skier who enjoyed fishing and boating. He enjoyed working on cars, especially his red corvette and motorcycle. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them.

In addition to his beloved wife, Raymond is also survived by his sons: Raymond Anthony Galgano, Jr. of Millbury, MA, Jarrod Michael Galgano of Arlington, VA, and Cody John Galgano of California, MD; his siblings, Daniel Galgano and Mary Keough; and extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his brother, Richard Galgano.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name, may be made to the War Fighter Advance, P.O. Box 222, Patuxent River, MD 20670 or at www.warfighteradvance.org.

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Mary Louise Wathen



Mary Louise Wathen, 62 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on November 11, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown.

Mary was born on June 24, 1959

in Leonardtown, MD to John William Vallandingham and Hilda Lucille Morgan Vallandingham.

Mary was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD. She was blessed to be able to stay home and raise her four children. Mary was devoted to her family. She enjoyed collecting anything that had Betty Boop on it. She loved going to yard sales, art and craft events and going to car shows. Her kids say she loved to dance. She looked forward to spending time with her family and especially being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her companion, George Harrison Bowles; her children, Wendy Bryant (Kevin) of Luggoff, S.C., Tammy Wathen Lee (Earl "EJ") of Mechanicsville, MD and Randy Wathen of Leonardtown, MD, her siblings, Patsy Mattingly (Stevie) of Morganza, MD, Barbara Quade (Ricky) of Mechanicsville, MD, John Vallandingham of Lexington Park, MD, Bonnie Kopp (Greg) of Mentor, Ohio and brother-in-law Frank Panetta; her 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Laura Wathen and her sister, Christine Panetta and many extended friends and family.

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YNC Ronald Raymond West



YNC Ronald Raymond West, Ret. USN, 80, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully on Monday, November 15, 2021 at Charlotte Hall Maryland Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall, MD. He was born on January 1, 1941 in Baltimore, MD to the late Joseph Roy West and Dorothy Frances (Grutkowski) West.

After graduating from Patterson High School in Baltimore, MD, Ron would enlist in the United States Navy. A proud American, Ron served two tours in Vietnam and made his career as a Naval Officer. Throughout his service to our country Ron received numerous awards and medals: Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, two (2) Vietnam Ser-

vice Ribbons, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, four (4) Navy Unit Commendations, three (3) Meritorious Unit Commendations, Philippine Presidential Citation and the Good Conduct Award. After his decorated service, Ron would happily retire honorably in 1989 from his military service. Never one to sit back, Ron began a second career as a Security Officer for Honeywell and would continue his career as a government contractor until his retirement in 2012.

Ron met and fell in love with his wife of over twenty-three (23) years, Linda West. Together they built a wonderful and loving marriage and combined their families. Ron was very proud of his two daughters, Kimberly and RosiLee and happily became a step-father to Richard, Denise and Christine. With five children now, he excitedly welcomed eleven (11) grandchildren and six (6) great-grandchildren.

He was a caring husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother who loved his family above all else. His world revolved around his family and spending time with them brought him great joy. He spent his life working hard and supporting his family the best way he could. Ron was an avid sports fan and rooted for the Baltimore Ravens and Baltimore Orioles. His enjoyment of history made Williamsburg, VA a favorite vacation spot for him and Linda. Ron also enjoyed collecting presidential stamps and has amassed quite a collection to be passed down for generations. Ron was an active man, who loved to take his beautiful bride dancing at the LaPlata American Legion and Morningside VFW. He could spend hours hanging out with friends, talking and reminiscing with a cold Budweiser.

Whether you knew him as Ronald, Ron, Dad, Grandfather or Great-grandfather, you knew his commitment to his family. The legacy of honor, strength and hard-work he projected will be carried on and duplicated for generations.

Ron is survived by his wife, Linda West of Mechanicsville, MD; daughters, Kimberly Sobus (Richard) of Dundalk, MD and RosiLee Teague (Brian) of Fairbanks, AK; step-children, Richard Gilliam (Shannon) of Coltons Point, MD, Denise Hill (David) of Chaptico, MD and Christine Young (Greg) of Blacksburg, VA; eleven (11) grandchildren; six (6) great-grandchildren; his sister, Carolyn Malezewski (William) of Columbia, MD and one niece and one nephew. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Dorothy West.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations be made in Ron's name to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 530, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

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Always Remember Life is about fam-

ily and Friends, Good Stories, Jokes, Laughs and Warm Smiles!!

Daniel J Wilson



Daniel J Wilson of Leonardtown passed away on Wednesday November 18th 2021 peacefully in his sleep at his home at the age of 89.

Daniel was born in Shamokin PA February 15th 1932 to the late Albert and Flossie (nee Mowery) Wilson and resided in Leonardtown from 1972-2021. Mr. Wilson came to MD and was employed by Patuxent NAVAIR as a Contract Specialist until his retirement at age 60. He was previously employed by Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford Ct. working on helicopters. Daniel was very outgoing and social and always was there to cheer people up with a smile or good joke for a laugh. He was a long-standing member of the Loyal Order Moose Lodge since 1965 and loved to frequent social gatherings and local senior dances as well as a good game of Bingo. He will always be remembered for his kind giving heart and jokes for a good laugh.

Mr. Wilson was pre-deceased by his beloved daughter Christy Czekaj whom recently passed away earlier this year at 68 years old. He is survived by sisters Ernestine Blessing and Joyce Thomas also his daughter, Kathy Lamb and family, sons Daniel, Michael, Stephen, Brian, Andrew and family, Shawn and family and Michael Czekaj and family. He is also survived by multiple Grandsons, Granddaughters as well as Great Grandsons and Granddaughters. He has been in the care of his son Shawn and Grandsons Alexander and Anthony where he passed peacefully in his home in Leonardtown.

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Richard Earl "Rich" "Dick" Long



Richard Earl "Rich" "Dick" Long, 74, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on November 4, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown.

Richard was born on November 11, 1946 in Saugus, MA to the late Earl Truman Long and Dorothy Mae Bursiel Long.

Richard graduated from Saugus High School in 1965. He honorably served in the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic during the Vietnam



War. In 1970 he married the love of his life, Norma Couillard and in 1974 they moved to St. Mary's County, MD. He was a faithful attendee of First Baptist Church of Calvert County, Prince Frederick. His passion and love for Jesus his Lord and Savior, was evident to all who knew him. He was dedicated to the Lord often holding Bible studies with his family and playing the guitar in nursing homes and often in church. He was a loving and devoted husband and father. He loved taking family trips to visit family in Massachusetts, exploring the caverns of Luray, and gathering with old friends in New Hampshire. He enjoyed working outdoors keeping the lawn well-manicured and building gardens with his twin daughters. While outdoors he also enjoyed watching wildlife especially the squirrels and birds in his backyard. He was known as "Mr. Fix-It" by his family, friends, and neighbors; he could fix anything and he enjoyed helping the neighborhood kids fix their bikes. He adored his grandchildren and loved taking them thrift store shopping, playing checkers with them, and going on dump dates.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Norma; children, Sarah Rebekah Long of Lexington Park, MD and Christina Noel Clark (Will) of Leonardtown, MD; his sister, Arlene Rae Decareau (Gene) of Saugus, MA; his grandchildren, Samuel William Clark, Christopher Dean Clark, and Sophia Grace Clark. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Calvert County, 155 German Chapel Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. A Funeral Service will be held at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor Ralph Nevin officiating. Interment will be held Monday, November 29, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Maryland Veteran's Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Navigators — Life-to-Life Discipleship and First Baptist Church of Calvert County, P.O. Box 778, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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Jack Berge



Jack Berge, formerly of Herald Harbor community in Crownsville passed away Wednesday November 17th at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Born March 16, 1928 in Harrisburg, PA to John and Lillian Berge. Jack was in the United States Navy in the '50's assigned to the USS Rodman.

After leaving the Navy, he became a

school teacher in in Montgomery County, Md. He was a true draftsman, teaching his students to be neat and orderly while learning the art of mechanical and architectural drawing with pencil and paper not a computer. He provided his skill outside of school to various companies throughout the Washington Area.

Once Jack retired he devoted his time to being around the water, making furniture, decoys and many wooded items for anyone who asked. He was not only an artist that knew how to make beauty shine through wood but a loyal friend to the people around him. There wasn't anything Jack wouldn't do for those he cared about. May he rest in peace.

Gwendolyn Louise Hancock



Gwendolyn Louise Hancock, 73 "Gwen" 73 of Mechanicsville died on November 19th, 2021 at Washington Hospital Center.

Born January 21st, 1948 in Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of Louise "Polly" Bohle and the late David G. Bogie Sr.

She graduated from Hatboro-Horsham High School in 1966. She is preceded in death by her husband of 40 years Joseph "Reggie" Hancock and brother David G. Bogie Jr. She was a proud Wife, Mother, Grandmother "Memom" and Great-Grandmother. They all made her smile and laugh at some of the things they would say or do.

She is survived by her 6 children. Son, Michael Post of Leonardtown, MD. Daughter, Tammy Kelly (Jon) of Leonardtown, MD. Daughter, Tina Diggie (Eddie) of Hollywood, MD. Daughter, Bobbie Jo Goldsborough (Donnie) of Mechanicsville, MD. Son, James Hancock (Jennilee) of Mechanicsville, MD. She is survived by her 3 step children Victoria "Vickey" Brooks, Joseph Thomas "Jay" Hancock and Christopher "Chris" Wagner, all of McCook, Nebraska. She is survived by her 14 grandchildren. Joey, Jeffery, and Justin Anderson. McKenzie and Garrett Diggie. Donald, Sean, and Xander Goldsborough. Brittany, Samantha, and Joseph Hancock. Chloe, Hollie, and Abby Hancock. She is also survived by 1 great grandchild Ellie Mae Anderson.

Interment will be private. A celebration of life will be held at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Mechanicsville, MD on November 29th 2021 at 11:00 am with a reception following the service.

Memorial contribution to the American Red Cross P.O. Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839, or Mt. Zion United Methodist Church 27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd, Mechanicsville, MD 20659

EASY MONEY MAY NOT BE SO EASY

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These days it is hard to avoid the "get cash quick" advertising commercials. It seems so easy, especially if you need money fast. You know the adage, however—if it looks too good to be true, it probably is. As you will see below, easy money options can be very expensive. Look for another way to solve your money problems and keep away from these five get cash quick/easy money options:

1. Debt Consolidation Loans

Banks and finance companies offer loans to consolidate all your debts and pay them off with a new loan. Sounds good, but carefully check the fine print. The amount of interest you can be charged on the new loan can vary from 10% to more than 40% depending on your credit rating and the security you post as collateral. If the debt consolidation loan is "secured", that means you will be required to post collateral to secure repayment of the loan. In most cases, that collateral will be your home or vehicle. If you default on the consolidation loan and have secured it with your home, car or other property, the finance company can foreclose on your home, take your car or other property. Make sure this type of loan is worth having.

2. Pawnshop Loans

At pawnshops, you leave your property, like jewelry, electronic and photo equipment, musical instruments and firearms with the shop in return for a loan of 25-60% of the item's resale value. The average amount of a pawnshop loan is \$75-\$100. You are given a few months to repay the loan at high interest rates that can vary from 12% to 240% or more depending on whether state law restricts the interest rate charged by pawnshops. If you default on the loan, the pawnbroker is the new owner of the property.

3. Refund Anticipation Loans ("RALs"):

Tax preparation companies offer RAL loans for the short timeframe between the date when the taxpayer receives the refund and the date when the IRS repays it by depositing the refund into the lender's account. This is usually only a one or two week timeframe. The amount of the loan is the amount of your anticipated refund minus the loan fees and the tax preparation fee. The interest rates on these loans can be expensive—annual rates of 70% are not uncommon. There also are other risks with these loans. If your refund is less than expected, you will still be responsible for paying the full amount of the loan. If you default, the lender can assign the debt to a collection agency and hurt your credit rating. All because you didn't want to wait one or two weeks.

4. Payday Loans:

Payday loans are a fast growing phenomenon and payday loan companies are often a replacement for banks. With a payday loan, you give the lender a check and get back an amount of money less than the face value of the check. Or, you can sign an agreement giving the lender the right to withdraw money either from your bank account or from a prepaid credit card to which money, like wages, is regularly added. For example, you give the lender

a check for \$300 and the lender pays you \$250 in cash and keeps the remainder as his fee. The lender holds the check for a few weeks (until your payday). At payday, you must pay the lender the face value of the check (\$300) usually by allowing it to cash the check. If you cannot make the check good, the lender requires you to pay another fee (\$50). At this point you owe the lender \$350 (the \$250 you borrowed plus the first \$50 fee plus a new fee of \$50). If you need another loan that week, the lender charges another fee and so on. The annual interest rate on payday loans can range from 200 to 500% and more.

5. Car Title Loans:

When you get a car title loan, a bank agrees to make a secured loan against the value of your car. You keep and drive the car, but the lender keeps the title as security for repayment of the loan, as well as a copy of your car keys. Missing even one payment can mean losing your car. Lenders may also ask you to use your home, as well as your car, as collateral. Missing a payment with your home as collateral means you risk losing the home. Interest rates are steep with these loans because your car is considered a used car with a restricted resale value and monthly finance charges of 25% (300% annual interest rate) are not uncommon. Since these loans are often targeted to members of the military, Federal law prohibits lenders from charging more than 36% interest to military personnel. There are no restrictions on interest that can be charged to non-military personnel unless state law regulates interest rates.

The term "usury" is defined in Webster's as "the lending or practice of lending money at an exorbitant interest." All States, including Maryland, have laws prohibiting usury. Interest rates in Maryland range between 6 and the usury limit of 33%, but lenders have found ways to ignore State usury laws. How?

One answer is that national banks are allowed to charge their customers, no matter where they are located, interest at the rate allowed by the state in which the bank is located. North Dakota has repealed its usury laws which is why banks like Citibank and others have their principal offices in North Dakota. North Dakota's lack of an interest rate cap has become the standard national interest rate on credit cards.

Another reason State usury laws are ignored is that many consumers now use loans provided through the internet by out-of-state lenders. And, be aware that loans provided through Indian tribes are not subject to Federal or State usury laws.

The bottom line to all of these get cash quick/easy money schemes is that they are just that. You are going to pay dearly for getting that cash. Why put yourself in that position? Setting aside even a small amount of money from every paycheck in an emergency fund is a much better and less expensive way to handle your needs for cash.

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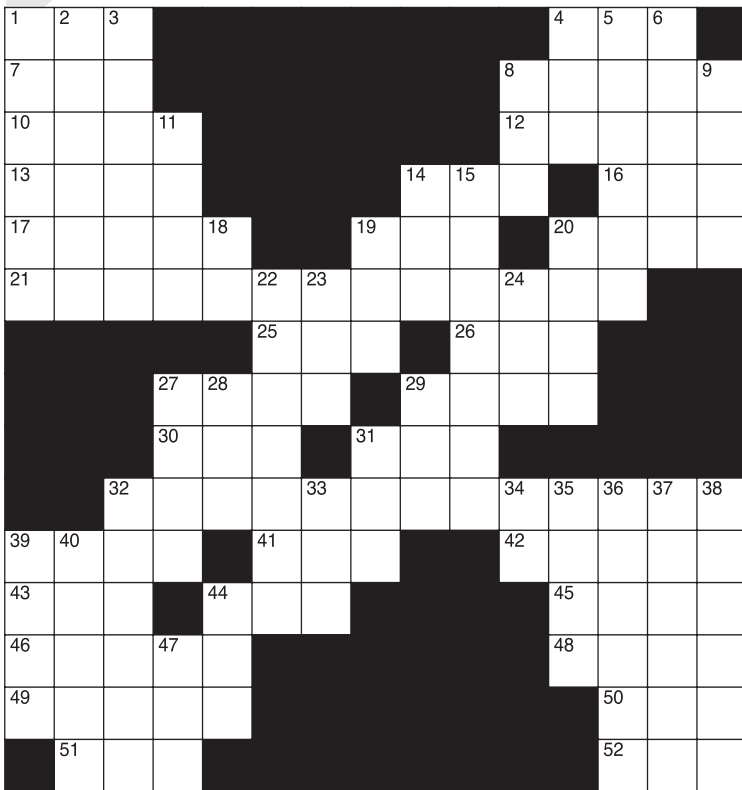
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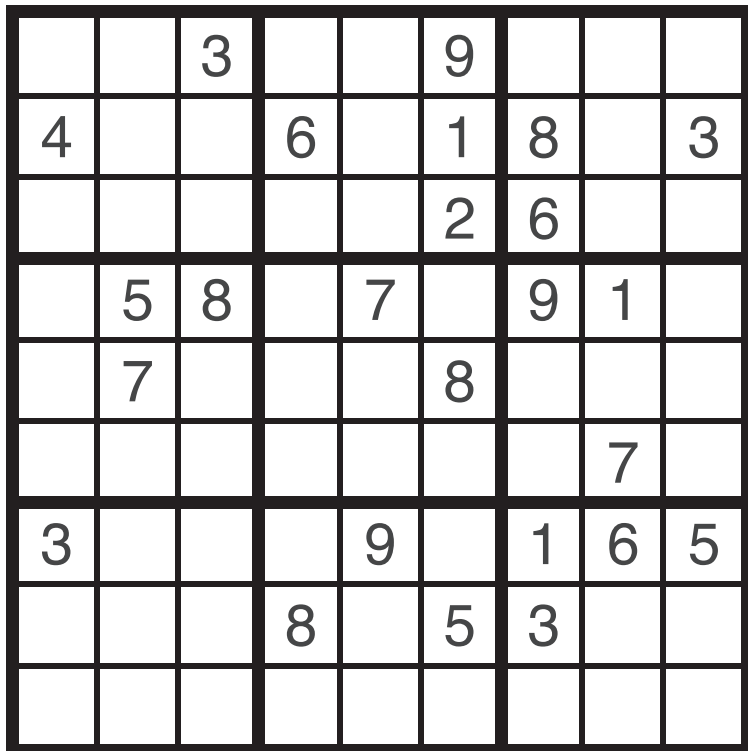
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- 7. Trent Reznor's band
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- 10. Places to stay
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- 14. Not around
- 16. Title of respect
- 17. Ceramic jars
- 19. British legal authority (abbr.)
- 20. A companion (archaic)
- 21. Where groups of people live
- 25. Indigenous person of NE Thailand
- 26. Red-brown sea bream
- 27. Ridge of jagged rock
- 29. Meat from a pig (French)
- 30. A way to save for the future
- 31. Opposite of bottom
- 32. A term of endearment

- 39. Weight used in China
- 41. You need it to hear
- 42. Frighten
- 43. Basics
- 44. Computer data collection (abbr.)
- 45. The best point of something
- 46. Jewelled headdress
- 48. Spoke
- 49. Mammary gland of female cattle
- 50. Midway between north and northeast
- 51. Defunct European economic group
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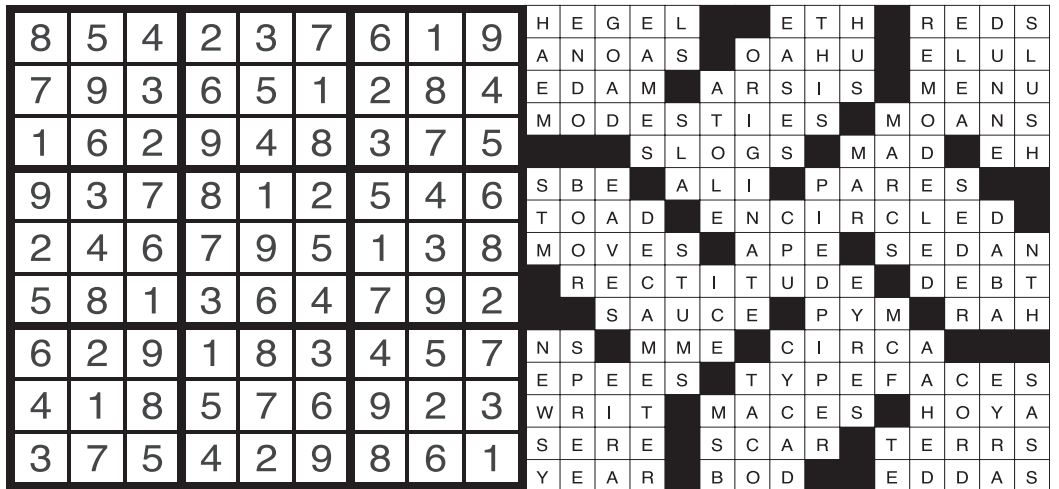
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- 4. Equal to 10 liters (abbr.)
- 5. Removes from record
- 6. The lowest point
- 8. Plant cultivated for its tubers
- 9. Dry or withered
- 11. Stony waste matter
- 14. Speedometer reading

- 15. Each of two or more forms of the same element
- 18. A baseball stat
- 19. Corporate PR exec (abbr.)
- 20. Insures bank's depositors
- 22. Made dim
- 23. Uncultured person
- 24. Paddle
- 27. Currency of Cambodia
- 28. Pitching stat
- 29. A place to put mail
- 31. God of battle (Scandinavian)
- 32. 10 years
- 33. Resinous substance secreted by insects
- 34. Losses
- 35. S. American plants
- 36. Void of thought or knowledge
- 37. Stout-bodied moth
- 38. Transferred property
- 39. Russian pop act
- 40. Accept
- 44. A retrospective military analysis (abbr.)
- 47. A type of center



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